

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

**God is My Salvation – Isaiah**

**89. A New Creation – Isaiah 65:1-25**

**Review:** Isaiah 1-37 – His birth, 40-55 – His cross, 56-66 – His second coming.

**Introduction:** We have reached the climactic end of the vision of Isaiah and find in chapters 65-66 a final reckoning for the lost and a final, everlasting renewal for the faithful remnant. In these last 2 chapters we find the Lord's people – His true, believing ones, are set alongside others who are either compromisers or outright pagan. His servants will be brought into a new heaven and new earth while a dreadful judgment awaits the others. We have in contrast undeniable grimness and unimaginable glories.

- I. Sought and Found – vs. 1
  - A. The Lord Takes the Initiative
    1. People did not ask or seek
    2. The Lord let Himself be sought and found – John 15:16
  - B. “I Said”
    1. The Lord reaches out to people through His Word
    2. “Here I Am” – behold Me
  - C. To a Nation Not Called By My Name
    1. Gentiles – Rom. 9:30-33
    2. He presented Himself to them so they found Him
- II. The Divine Reaction to False Worship – vs. 2-7 – Rom. 10:14-21
  - A. Come to Me – a gesture of appeal (vs. 2)
    1. A stubbornly rebellious people
    2. Their rebellion proved by their “walk” and “imagination”
  - B. The Provocation of False Worship – (vs. 3-5) - Exodus 20:3
    1. Alternative worship – in private gardens instead of the Temple – 2 Kings 21:18, 26
    2. Offering sacrifices on makeshift altars – Exodus 20:25; Deut. 27:5-6; Joshua 8:31
    3. Consulting the dead – Deut. 18:9-14
    4. Allowing uncleanness into every facet of daily life – Lev. 11:7; Deut. 14:8; 1 Cor. 10:31
    5. Worship without Assembling – no communion, solitary – Heb. 10:25
      - a. During shut down, 30% of church members have stopped attending, 50% not participating in livestream services
      - b. As things reopen – 52% of pastors say church will not meet in person when restrictions are lifted, but rather will wait “until they feel comfortable to do so”
      - c. Continual smoke in My nostrils
        - 1) This is a worship that disregards the Lord's directives for worship (vs. 3)
        - 2) Resorts to other sources of revelation than His Word (vs. 4)
        - 3) Neglects obedience as a factor in living a holy life (vs. 4)
        - 4) Proves divisive to fellowship (vs. 5)
  - C. God's Reaction (vs. 6-7)
    1. Certain – written before Me
    2. Personal – I will not keep silent
    3. Measured – I will repay in full (exact completeness)
    4. Individual – into their lap/bosom
    5. The final bill will be paid – each generation builds upon the guilt of the generation that came before – the guilt is not of the sins of those in the past (Ezekiel 18:20), but from generation to generation there is a failure to break with the past and instead gladly inherit the sins of previous generations (Luke 11:47-51)
    6. Because they burned incense on the mountains – high places, Baal worship
      - a. Worship on the mountain top allowed one the “chance” to catch God's eye

- b. Human effort toward the god being worshipped vs. obedience in response to God
- III. A Remnant Preserved – vs. 8-10
  - A. New Wine (vs. 8)
    - 1. Not unfermented, but juice from the grape before being put into the press
    - 2. A special provision, from grapes so bursting with juice that they remained untrodden – Isa. 63:3 – spared judgment
  - B. Elect from Jacob and Judah (vs. 9)
    - 1. I will not destroy them all
    - 2. Jacob, Judah, Jesus – Gal. 3:16; Gal. 3:6-9
  - C. Restoration (vs. 10)
    - 1. Sharon – a place of sad deterioration needing to be restored
    - 2. Achor – a bright beginning marred – Achan
    - 3. A picture of restoration to what they had been meant to be
- IV. The Fate of Those Who Forsake the Lord – vs. 11-12
  - A. You Forsake, You Forget (vs. 11)
    - 1. Compromising worship
    - 2. Religious but wrong
    - 3. Gad and Meni – Syrian false gods
  - B. Judgment Promised and Precise (vs. 12)
- V. The Promise of a New Creation – vs. 13-25
  - A. My Servants Will Be Satisfied (vs. 13-16) – Matt. 5:6
    - 1. The Contrasts
      - a. Satisfied vs. hungry and thirsty
      - b. Joy and Sorrow
    - 2. The Cursed and Chosen – Jer. 29:22
      - a. A new name – Gen. 17:5
      - b. The name identifying the character
    - 3. Invoking a blessing – Gen. 22:18; 26:4
      - a. If you want to enter a blessing designed for you, you will enter that blessing in the God of truth
      - b. God’s promises must be the foundation of our hope and expectation
      - c. God has forgotten! – Heb. 8:12
  - B. A New Heavens and Earth (vs. 17-25)
    - 1. The former things forgotten – 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1-2
    - 2. On the contrary (to forgotten things), be glad and rejoice in what I create
    - 3. I will create the New Jerusalem and her people
    - 4. No weeping or crying – Rev. 21:4
    - 5. This life vs. the life to come – Your Best Life Later
      - a. Death cuts off life at the beginning or before maturity
      - b. Death and its power will be destroyed
    - 6. Security (vs. 21-22)
    - 7. Fulfillment (vs. 23) – enjoying the fruit of our labor/His labor
    - 8. Peace with God (vs. 24)
    - 9. Peace in the New Creation (vs. 25)
      - a. Eden restored
      - b. Old enmities gone, natures changed
      - c. No hurt, no destruction
      - d. But the curse for sin remains! – Gen. 3:14 – dust for the serpent
    - 10. The place where the Lord dwells in holiness in the midst of His people – Rev. 21:5-8, 22-27; 22:12-13

## **Cross References**

### **John 15:16**

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

### **Romans 9:30-33**

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; 31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. 32 Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. 33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

### **Romans 10:14-21**

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." 19 But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation." 20 But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." 21 But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

### **Exodus 20:3**

You shall have no other gods before Me.

### **2 Kings 21:18, 26**

So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. Then Josiah his son reigned in his place.

### **Exodus 20:25**

And if you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it.

### **Deuteronomy 27:5-6**

5 And there you shall build an altar to the Lord your God, an altar of stones; you shall not use an iron tool on them. 6 You shall build with whole stones the altar of the Lord your God, and offer burnt offerings on it to the Lord your God.

### **Joshua 8:31**

31 as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses: “an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded an iron tool.” And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings.

### **Deuteronomy 18:9-14**

9 “When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you. 13 You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. 14 For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you.

### **Leviticus 11:7**

and the swine, though it divides the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud, is unclean to you.

### **Deuteronomy 14:8**

Also the swine is unclean for you, because it has cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud; you shall not eat their flesh or touch their dead carcasses.

### **1 Corinthians 10:31**

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

### **Hebrews 10:25**

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### **Ezekiel 18:20**

The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

### **Luke 11:47-51**

47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. 49 Therefore the wisdom of God also said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,’ 50 that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

### **Isaiah 63:3**

“I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes.

### **Galatians 3:16**

16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.

### **Galatians 3:6-9**

6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” 7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

### **Matthew 5:6**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

### **Jeremiah 29:22**

And because of them a curse shall be taken up by all the captivity of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, “The Lord make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire”;

### **Genesis 17:5**

No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

### **Genesis 22:18**

In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

### **Genesis 26:4**

And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

### **Hebrews 8:12**

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

### **2 Peter 3:13**

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

## **Revelation 21:1-2**

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

## **Revelation 21:4**

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

## **Genesis 3:14**

So the Lord God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

## **Revelation 21:5-8, 22-27**

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” 6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

## **Revelation 22:12-13**

12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”